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AMENDMENT

In the Claims:

Please cancel claim 19 without prejudice and disclaimer.

Please amend claim 1 as follows.

1. (Amended) A method for administering a therapeutic agent to a predetermined area of skin or mucosa of a vertebrate subject, said method comprising:
  - (a) accelerating particles into, across or both into and across the area of skin or mucosa, wherein the particles are accelerated toward the skin or mucosa using a needleless syringe device; and
  - (b) topically positioning a first transdermal drug delivery device or a first occlusive dressing over the area of skin or mucosa, wherein the particles or the first transdermal drug delivery device or the first occlusive dressing, or a combination thereof, comprise the therapeutic agent.